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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE MARCH 27, 1974 FROM  
CAIRO REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 1591

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID EG

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC AID

1. FAHMY ASKED ME TO CALL LAST NIGHT. HE SAID THAT,  
AS WE DOUBTLESS KNOW, A SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION HAS  
BEEN HERE FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS. EGYPTIANS HAVE  
SOUGHT FROM THE SOVIETS CERTAIN WHAT HE CALLED "VITAL  
GOODS" URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. THE  
SOVIET DELEGATION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. IN  
FAHMY'S VIEW, THE SOVIETS ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE ECONOMIC  
AID TO PRESSURE THE GOE TO RE-ADOPT A MORE PRO-SOVIET  
POLITICAL STANCE. SPECIFICALLY, HE BELIEVES THE SOVIETS  
ARE USING THREAT OF WITHHOLDING NEEDED ECONOMIC AID  
TO COERCE EGYPT INTO ACQUIESCING IN A GREATER SOVIET

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ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS.

2. SADAT, FAHMY CONTINUED, IS DETERMINED NOT TO ALLOW THIS. THE PRESIDENT HAD THEREFORE ASKED THAT HE REQUEST UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HELP IN OBTAINING THESE SO-CALLED "VITAL GOODS." FAHMY SUGGESTED THEY EITHER BE GIVEN AS A "DONATION" OR AS A "LOAN." SADAT IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SOME RESPONSE ASAP AS TO WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO TO HELP. FAHMY MADE A STRONG PLEA THAT OUR RESPONSE BE POSITIVE AND SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT THIS REQUEST BE BROUGHT TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION.

3. CITED BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS WHICH GOE NEEDS, QUANTITIES AND ESTIMATED VALUE, AS GIVEN ME BY FAHMY:

ITEM	PERIOD OF CONSUMPTION	QUANTITY NEEDED	VALUE MILLION U.S.\$
YELLOW DENT CORN, GRADE NO. 2 OR BETTER, U.S.A. STANDARD	9 MONTHS	500,000 TONS	90
EDIBLE FAT BEEF TALLOW	12 MONTHS	10,000 TONS	6
INEDIBLE FANTY TALLOW OR INEDIBLE EXTRA FANTY TALLOW	6 MONTHS	50,000	29
PRIME BLEACHIBLE SUMMER YELLOW COTTON SEED OIL, RULE 162	6 MONTHS	75,000	60
NEW PRINT PAPER & PRINT AND WRITING PAPER	50,000	24	
ARTIFICIAL LEATHERS "M SQUARE"	6,000,000	-	
GRAIN EVACUATORS	)		
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SPARE PARTS FOR THE EXISTING GRAIN EVACUATORS	)	1.5	
BEACH WOOD	)		
PLY WOOD	)	25	

AFRICAN WOOD )

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VENEERS )

TOBACCO LEAVES ) 10

WHEAT 1,000,000 TONS

EILTS UNQUOTE RUSH

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